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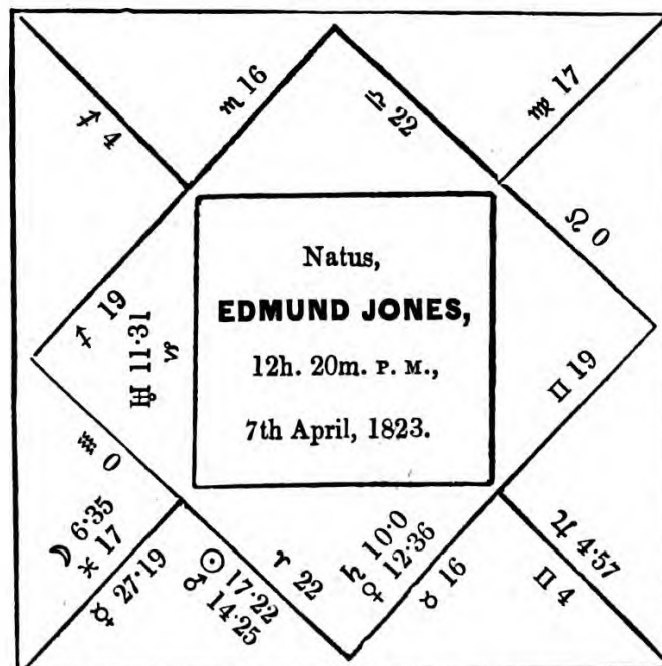
ZADKIEL TO HIS READERS.

A more frequent appearance of a work, the main object of which is to maintain, demonstrate, and expound the doctrines of the stars by both precept and example, is demanded. This work will, therefore, appear weekly, in the present form; but the numbers will also be stitched up to form monthly parts.

The Editor will feel obliged to his readers if they will furnish him with remarkable nativities, or any other matters interesting to the student in astral science. He takes this occasion to thank his friends for their support, and to request its continuance. Let each reader give away one number for two or three weeks, and this very trifling sacrifice may establish the work decidedly.

NATIVITY OF "THE BOY JONES."

200° 29'



LATITUDES.—♈ 0° 20' S. ♎ 2 8 S. ♊ 0 30 S. ♋ 0 38 S.

♀ 0 7 N. ♌ 2 26 S. ♍ 2 42 N.

DECLINATIONS.—♈ 23° 18' S. ♎ 12 48 N. ♊ 20 39 N. ♋ 5 7 N.

☉ 6 50 N. ♌ 15 44 N. ♍ 3 20 S. ♎ 6 35 S.

The chief thing to be observed in the nativity of this boy is his desire for notoriety, to which he is influenced by the *numerous* planets aspecting the luminaries (the Sun and Moon), and also the very exciteable planet Herschel rising, and aspecting the Moon. This gives the native a daring, restless spirit, and renders him extremely curious and inquisitive; for persons born with this planet in the ascendant have ever very inquiring minds. The Moon in sextile to Saturn tends to perseverance, and shows one not easily turned from his purpose. Mercury in evil aspect to Saturn shows much *cunning*, and a *furtive* disposition; but, as both the Moon and Mercury aspect Jupiter, we should say the boy is not altogether dishonest, yet his secretiveness and caution will be largely developed.

Wherever the Sun and Moon have such numerous aspects, and are surrounded also by numerous planets, the native has an active life, and a public name; but when the malefics surround the Sun, as in this case, the native gains notoriety, but not honourable fame. The trine of Jupiter to the midheaven will keep the native up in life, however; but if that had been absent, he would have spent his life in contempt and ignominy. As it is, the conjunction of Venus and Saturn on the cusp of the 5th house will bring him into some serious scrapes regarding females, and he may be prosecuted for violence, &c., towards a female. We have little doubt that a female servant of the lowest class in the palace has assisted him to gain admittance.

It is remarkable that he has Jupiter on the place of the Queen's Sun and Moon, and the Sun on her Majesty's Mars.

CATECHISM OF ASTROLOGY.

INTRODUCTION.

Under this head, we shall offer to the world a few chapters with a view to assist those persons who are desirous of forming correct notions of what Astrology really is, and how to gain in the shortest time, and with the least possible trouble, *first*, those elementary ideas of the science necessary to determine whether it be worthy of farther pursuit; and *secondly*, the briefest practical means of resolving, by personal investigation, how far we may foresee events by its assistance.

As Astrology is a science founded altogether on observation, we shall not carry our readers into the field of inquiry as to the philosophy of any of its principles, because we should thereby not only render these papers unnecessarily long, but open the door to dispute and interminable controversy. Our desire is, to show that certain influences do really exist, and to enable any one inclined to the study to determine *by his own observation* that such is the case, rather than to follow the vain course of modern philosophers, who, like the ancient Greeks, weave for ever a fine-wrought web of what they term cause and effect, which, like the web of Penelope, is for ever doomed to be unravelled by the next generation; for, unfortunately, there scarce exists a single philosophical doctrine that has attained the age of thirty years. May we expect that any of them will be intact a single generation hence?

As but few persons possess mathematical minds, without which much progress can scarcely be made in the science of nativities, and as for those who do, there already exists the "Grammar of Astrology," we shall confine our "Catechism of Astrology" chiefly to the **MUNDANE** branch of the science. And we trust to enable any person who has not even had the benefit of more than an ordinary education—indeed, of any *lady* who will once take the pains to learn how to erect a scheme or figure of the heavens by a globe (by far the most easy and preferable manner, and which may be done for any part of the world in five minutes), to be able to foresee with perfect ease the effects of any eclipse, &c., and to foretell with entire confidence the periods of earthquakes, floods, &c., those of the deaths of princes, the breaking out of wars, public commotions, &c., &c. Undoubtedly much more may be learned in these matters by calling in the aid of genethliacal science, where the nativities of reigning monarchs are known, as was done by the editor of the "Philadelphia Horoscope," who foretold the death of the newly-elected President of the United States to within a few hours. But very much may be known merely by the ordinary system of Mundane or State Astrology. On this we now proceed to enlarge.

CHAPTER I.

Q. What do you mean by **ASTROLOGY**?

A. The science which teaches the influences of the stars. This science, like many others, has been divided into several branches.

Q. Will you name these, and explain their specific characters?

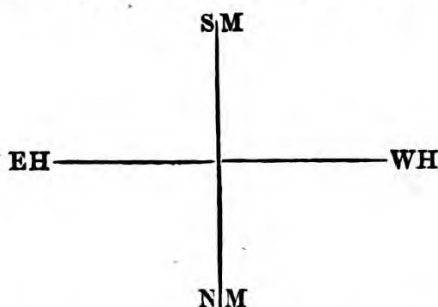
A. There are **FOUR**, which are termed *Atmospheric*, *Mundane*, *Genethliacal*, and *Horary*. *Atmospherical* Astrology teaches the influences of the heavenly bodies on the atmosphere in producing all the phenomena of various degrees of temperature, pressure, moisture, drought, currents of air, thunder, hail, snow, frost, &c., &c.: the consideration of which phenomena we have for some years past brought distinctly forward, under the name of Astro-Meteorology. And as our predictions of the weather have met with very extensive notice and approbation, this branch of the science of Astrology may be considered, so far as it is yet understood, as perfectly established. *Mundane* Astrology teaches the influences of the stars upon whole nations, countries, and divisions of the earth, and is the subject which we now purpose to enlarge upon. But *Genethliacal* Astrology, or the science of nativities, must be first explained. It is that branch which enables us, by means of the positions of the heavenly bodies at the moment of birth, to foresee the description of the person born, and also his future character and destiny. *Horary* Astrology is a system of divining the future result of any undertaking by the positions of the heavenly bodies at the moment of its commencement, and also of satisfactorily answering any question when put under feelings of genuine anxiety for information on the subject; which shows that Providence has not left us without a means of escape from the mental tortures of suspense and anxious desire to know the future, in matters of grave importance.

Q. What are the principal calculations necessary to be practised for acquiring a foreknowledge of mundane events at any given period?

A. The first thing necessary to be done is to ascertain the geocentric latitudes and longitudes of the planets. These are published for each day at noon throughout the year in the "Astrological Almanac." It is also necessary to ascertain the figure of the heavens at the time of the eclipse (if it be an eclipse from which you judge) at each part of the earth for which you desire to judge of the coming events.

Q. What is the figure of the heavens ?

A. Astrologers divide the portion of the heavens above the horizon from that below by a line to represent the horizon, and they draw a line perpendicular thereto, which represents the meridian. Thus, in the



figure, the line EH WH represents the horizon, EH being the *eastern*, and WH the *western* boundaries. Then the perpendicular line will represent the meridian, SM being the *south* meridian, where the Sun is at noon in this northern hemisphere, and NM representing the *north* meridian, where the Sun is at midnight.

Q. Then, if a star be represented to rise at E, does it set at W ?

A. Exactly so ; and the length of time it takes to pass from the point where it rises to that where it sets is termed its *diurnal* arc ; and the half of that arc, or its semi-diurnal arc, is the space from the eastern horizon to the meridian, and also from the meridian again to the western horizon. Each of these semi-arcs consists of six "hours," which are always one-twelfth of the *day*, or period the star remains above the horizon ; and, in like manner, the semi-arcs nocturnal are divided into six "hours," which are each one-twelfth of the star's night, or period the star is below the horizon. When the star has risen two hours, or one-third of its semi diurnal arc, it is said to be in *sextile* aspect to the MERIDIAN ; and when it has risen two-thirds of its said semi-arc, it is in *sextile* aspect to the ASCENDANT ; so two-thirds of the whole arc form a *trine* to the ascendant.

Q. But what is the meaning of an "aspect ?"

A. An aspect is a portion of the heavens comprised between two points which are distant 60° , 90° , 120° , or 180° . These are termed *SEXTILE*, *SQUARE*, *TRINE*, and *OPPOSITION*. There are some minor aspects, but they need not be noticed at present. These are aspects in the zodiac, but those we have just described are *mundane* aspects, which are, as described, portions of the planet's semi-arc.

Q. What is a benefic aspect ?

A. *SEXTILES* and *TRINES* are *benefic*.

Q. What is a malefic aspect ?

A. Squares and oppositions are *malefic*.

Q. Then, if any two planets be separated from each other two signs

of the zodiac, as from 5° of Aries to 5° of Gemini, they are in *sextile* aspect?

A. Precisely so; and if they be three signs asunder, they are in *square* aspect. In the former case they mutually benefit each other, in the latter case they do the reverse.

Q. And when they are seen in the same part of the zodiac?

A. They are then in conjunction; and this is good with good planets, and evil with evil planets.

Q. Which are the benefic planets?

A. Jupiter, Venus, the Sun, and the Moon, act in general as benefics; also Mercury, if well aspected.

Q. Which are the evil planets?

A. Saturn and Mars, and also Mercury, when ill aspected. Most persons consider Herschel to be evil also; but this is by some doubted when he is free from ALL evil aspects.

Q. Do the fixed stars cast aspects?

A. No; they operate only to within about 5° of their actual places. But they act very powerfully, especially when they are on the cusp of an angle.

Q. What is a cusp, and what is an angle?

A. This first term signifies the beginning of a "house;" but as regards "angles," it means the meridian and horizon, which are termed the east, south, west, and north angles, according as the star is on the *east* horizon, *south* meridian, *west* horizon, or *north* meridian.

Q. How many houses are there?

A. The figure contains twelve houses, six diurnal and six nocturnal. They are counted forward in the zodiac from the *east* horizon, which is the 1st house, to the *north* meridian, which is the 4th; then to the *west* horizon, or 7th; and again, the *south* meridian is the 10th house. So that between each of these angles there are two other houses; thus the 2nd and 3rd houses lie between the 1st and 4th: also the 5th and 6th between the 4th and 7th, &c.—See the figure, page 4, *Horoscope*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter is from a gentleman of high talent, with whose correspondence we have long been favoured. We insert it to show our readers the progress Astrology is making among the scientific and intelligent men of America, who, being ruled by Gemini, will soon take the lead in all sciences. Our prediction of the banks in America, at page 30, Almanac, was as follows:—"Sudden interruptions to their trade, and much fraud among monied people, banks," &c. This has been exactly fulfilled. This is, perhaps, the first case of a horary question being asked from one side of the Atlantic ocean to the other. It was received 12h. 14m. p. m., April 29th, 1841.

We shall be glad if any reader can furnish us with the Ephemeris wanted by the editor of the "Philadelphia Horoscope."

DEAR SIR,—Your communication was duly received, and though "The Horoscope" for January was complete, we had a sufficient amount of matter extracted to allow its appearance in that number. You will accept our

thanks. I am about completing the horoscope of our late President, Harrison, whose death occurred on the 4th of this month, at 0h. 30m. a. m., just one month after his inauguration, lacking 13h. 30m. He was born February 9, 1773, 11h. 33m. a. m., in Virginia. He was inaugurated March 4th, 1841, at 1h. 50m. p. m.,—was taken sick March 27, 2 to 3 p. m. It is our present intention to give figures of these several important events in a subsequent number of "The Horoscope," ending with his burial in the vault, and his subsequent removal. Any hints that may suggest themselves to you on this highly-important event will be gratefully received. The late demise, however, of the President has caused quite a sensation in behalf of the science; for though I did not predict his death openly, I gave sufficient hints to that end, as well as private predictions of his death, and was successful to within twenty-four hours. Our constitution provides, in case of the death of the President, the Vice-President shall take the chair for the remainder of the term. The Vice-President arrived in Washington about 4 a. m., on the 6th of April, was visited by the heads of departments at about 12 meridian, and, as near as I can now tell, took the oath at about 20 minutes past 12. Should you desire, I could furnish you with the births of a very great number of our most eminent men.

Your Almanac for 1841 I have not yet obtained, the bookseller, from political reasons, having refused to send for it. I have seen it, however, and republished in my "Horoscope" extracts from it, which have been well received by my subscribers. I have orders for the following works, which you will please forward to me soon: six Grammars of Astrology, two Lilly's Introduction, two Zadkiel's Legacy, and two Tables. I am very anxious, also, to obtain Ephemeris for 1782 (White's), 1777, 1773, 1769. I am very anxious the order should be sent soon, as those who wish them are very pressing. They were first noticed in "The Horoscope," and the Secretary of State of —, who is one of my regular correspondents, has given me to understand that I may expect another order soon. In a land made up of "all nations, tongues," &c., we have a very wide field for improvement. In a Republican government nearly all are office-hunters of the party in power, and very glad to obtain the aid of the science; and so far I have been very successful, not having missed a single instance of office-seeking. I have the nativities of the ten principal editors in the city, who have favourably noticed the science.

Our remarks in "The Horoscope" about Canada have not been sparing, and so far are coming correct, and are consequently noticed by the readers of "The Horoscope." The great agitator, Wm. L. M'Kenzie, in Canada, was born in Dundee, Scotland, March 12, 1795, 4h. p. m. E. Thellar, his co-adjutor, born in Ireland, January 13, 1804, at 1 a. m. The time of revolt fixed by M'Kenzie was December 4, 1837, 6 p. m. This information is from M'Kenzie; but the revolt broke out some hours sooner, from a misunderstanding. Second revolt, November 3, 1838. Thellar taken prisoner Jan. 9, 1838; condemned to be hung, January 24, 1838; escaped October 16, 0h. 30m. a. m., 1838. Now at large in this country. I hope this information may be of service to you.

Our banking system, you will see, is all topsy-turvy. There has been considerable smashing, clashing, breaking, swindling, &c., and the stars promise more. On the day the news reached here of the President's death, when all was gloom and sadness, the meeting of the banks, especially that of the United States Bank, was characterised by discord and turmoil.—See horoscope for the meeting, April 5th, 10 a. m.; Jupiter stationary and Mercury direct, &c. The ex-President Biddle, whose bank is saddled with all the difficulties, was born January 8, 1786; resigned office March 29, 1839, 10 a. m.—See Horoscope for that day: ominous indeed for the successor. Suspended October 2, 1839, 9h. 44m. a. m. Last suspension, February 4th, 1841, 3 p. m.

Our observations on Meteorology have been very successful, and met with much encouragement. Since January we have had much damage done by storms of hail, rain, and wind. Indeed, March, in this country, is generally a rough, boisterous month.

The bill before the Legislature for the relief of our banks passed the Legislature, but to-day has been vetoed, or finally objected to, by the governor. The act chartering the United States Bank passed Legislature February 9, 1836; and the bill above alluded to passed March 25th, and was vetoed April 7th, 1841. This, if you have curiosity concerning our affairs, will give you the proper clue. I understand that quite a disturbance took place at the United States Bank meeting to-day. The president and some of the directors have resigned, and none yet have been elected in their place—some have refused the offices. *My prediction last fall was, openly, that the bank must fall.*

By the return of the Arcadia you may expect to hear from me. Shall conclude for the present, and may Jupiter rest on the cusp of the 7th house every time of our correspondence, which is the precise case at present.

Yours very respectfully,

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April 1, 1841.

P.S. We have possession of excellent data, and are preparing, by the gratuitous assistance of a friend, the "Astro-Biographical History of all the Presidents of the United States," and other interesting events and matter of astrological importance, and may, perhaps, call upon you for an opinion occasionally. Of the progress of the work we shall give you further advice. Give us your opinion of its success, on an horoscope cast upon receipt of this. We are sanguine.

MISCELLANEA.

CHANCE.

"COINCIDENCES.—Some years ago, the wife of a sailor named Fifty, residing in King-street, North Shields, had two daughters at one birth. More recently these daughters were married within three days of each other, to two sailors, commenced housekeeping in King-street, within three doors of each other, and presented their respective lords and masters with twin daughters." —*Tyne Pilot.*

It is such paragraphs as the above by which the public mind is poisoned, and insensibly the idea of chance—or, in the modern cant, "accidental coincidence"—gains ground. Yet no reasonable man will for a moment deny that, if there be really any such thing as chance or *accident*, then there is really no superintending Providence; for if events occur by accident, they have only a contingent cause—that is, a cause acting without any settled rule, without any *design*; and, as the most decided proof of omniscient Providence is the evidence of design in all the works of nature, it follows that where design be not, we are not far from Atheism; for if there be no Providence, there can be no Deity.

Now, awful as is this logical and inevitable consequence of the belief in "accidental coincidence," the weak and silly, yet pseudo-pious folks of the present day, would rather incur the risk of establishing such a doctrine than have recourse to that of astral influences being, in the hands of Divine Providence, the proximate causes in all

these cases of apparently mysterious and unexplained connexion or concatenation of events. For our part, we see no reason why, if Providence—by which we mean the settled laws of nature—permit one “accidental coincidence,” or give up its superintending potency in one single instance, and yet the world be none the worse, this may not often occur; or, in short, why there should be any cause whatever beyond that of mere fortuitous atoms. We hold by the idea that *all* things, or *none*, do really depend on Providence; and when we meet with remarkable coincidences in nature, we are not in the least disposed to sacrifice our faith in the entire absolute and universal rule of Providence on the hollow altars of chance. The hand of the Deity is every where. The finger of God, we say, is the index which denotes the interminable and stupendous workings of universal nature. The minute operations of chemistry, the silent action of electricity, the widely-diffused wonders of animal and vegetable vitality, the glorious music of all creation, from the hum of the bee to the rush of millions of worlds through unfathomable space—the birth of a microscopic insect and the crash of a mighty comet—are all as nothing to Him who alone was once existing in the majesty of silence, and who then, when nought but Himself was in being, filled the universe, and was, as he now is and ever shall be, *ALL IN ALL*!

Away, then, with the madness that there is any other cause but Him!—away for ever with the dream of *CHANCE*, and let us rationally ask whether He may not bring about the great ends of His benevolent will by the action of the beauteous worlds which surround this little work of the creation? And if we find that when two individuals are ushered into existence, as these twins were, at the same place and nearly the same time, let us believe that this was no less a portion of the omnipresent wisdom of the Deity than were all the other incidents which followed. And if we also find that similar chains of events (under certain modifications) follow similar natal positions of the heavens, let us shake away prejudice, and believe in Providence, while we admire in humility the wonders of creation.

FULFILLED PREDICTION,

MADE FROM THE ECLIPSE, FEBRUARY 6, 1841.

PREDICTION.—“Mesopotamia will be the seat of warfare, and Syria will be full of martial men carrying fire and sword through the land.”

EVENT.—“Accounts from Constantinople state that the whole country about Diarbekir was in a state of insurrection; the militia had been disarmed, the civil and military authorities assassinated, and the dissolution of the Osman monarchy openly proclaimed by the rebel tribes.”—*Times*, April 19, 1841.

PREDICTION FOR APRIL.—“Alas! the national resources fall off at a luckless period, especially the Post-office revenues.”

EVENT.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced a deficiency of *two millions*—the Post-office revenues especially defective.

N.B. These predictions were printed six months ago!